

Tennessee Events

(Calendar events are as accurate as possible at press time. Since times or event schedules may change, telephone numbers are provided so you can call to confirm. For a complete listing of events in Tennessee State Parks, visit the Web site www.tnstateparks.com/events.)

May

- Thru Dec. 31** **Knoxville.** “Birds of the Smokies: The Art of Mark Catesby, Alexander Wilson, and John James Audubon”. This exhibit is at the Frank H. McClung Museum on the UT Knoxville campus. It includes many of the bird species that can be found in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and features hand-colored copper plate engravings and lithographs. Info: 865-974-2144.
- 9** **Frozen Head State Park.** International Migratory Bird Day. Discover the birds of Frozen Head State Park as they return from their wintering grounds. Planned programs are: “Bird Identification Walk,” 8 a.m.; “Cerulean Warbler: A Bird in Peril,” 11 a.m.; “Birds in Culture Campfire,” 9 p.m. Times are EST. Info: 423-346-3318.
- 11** **Long Hunter State Park. Animal Mummies.** “The Nature Circle” is an interactive group made up of nature-themed stories, puppets, songs, and crafts for ages 3-5 years. Children are encouraged to bring an item that relates to the theme. 10 a.m. Info: 615-885-2422.
- 16** **Frozen Head State Park.** Volunteer Trail Day. Meet at the Visitor’s Center and bring water and lunch for moderate hiking with projects focusing on trail maintenance and repair. Event hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Info: 423-346-3318.
- 16** **Manchester.** Division of State Natural Areas Field Trip to Sequatchie Cave State Natural Area and Town Creek. An in-depth examination of the home of the Royal Snail, the home of the Sequatchie Caddisfly, and several rare cave species. Visitors will see ongoing stream restoration to benefit the snail. Bring lunch, water, and snacks. Info: 615-532-0431.
- 16-17** **Rugby.** 35th Annual Historic Rugby Festival of British and Appalachian Culture. Traditional arts, crafts, storytelling, historic building tours, food, and continuous British Isles and Appalachian music and dancing. Admission fees include: adults \$8; students \$4; members and preschoolers: free. Info: 1-888-214-3400.
- 16-17** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** 15th Annual Siege at Fort Watauga. Come see how settlers of the Watauga Valley defend their lives, families, hearth, and home at the “Siege” as militant Cherokee threaten to attack settlements during the throes of Revolution in 1776. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 18** **Long Hunter State Park.** Fantastic Frogs. “The Nature Circle” is an interactive group made up of nature-themed stories, puppets, songs, and crafts for ages 3-5 years. Children are encouraged to bring an item that relates to the theme. 10 a.m. Info: 615-885-2422.
- 23** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Traditional Arts Workshop: 18th Century Blacksmithing. Blacksmithing for beginners or the more experienced with instructor Mark Ramsey. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Seminar cost is \$85. Info: 423-543-5808.

23-24 Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park.

Archaeoskills Weekend. A weekend learning what Old Stone Fort was like 2000 years ago as the hilltop site is believed to have served as a central ceremonial gathering place. Info: 931-723-5073.

- 25** **Long Hunter State Park.** Fireflies at Night. “The Nature Circle” is an interactive group made up of nature-themed stories, puppets, songs, and crafts for ages 3-5 years. Children are encouraged to bring an item that relates to the theme. 10 a.m. Info: 615-885-2422.

June

- 6-7** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Native American Festival. A celebration of Native American Heritage to discover the arts, music, dance, crafts, legends, and stories with emphasis on the Cherokee culture. Admission charged. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 10** **Brentwood.** Owl’s Hill Nature Sanctuary’s Summer Nights at the Hill. Gather in the pavilion for a nature talk then follow guides to enjoy the sights and sounds of a summer evening. Event hours are 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. Reservations are required. Minimum age: 5 years. Info: 615-370-4672.
- 13** **Cades Cove.** Great Smoky Mountains National Park 75th Anniversary: Cades Cove. Special exhibits and programs will highlight the cultural history of Cades Cove. The finale will be an outdoor performance by the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. The event is at 10 a.m. Info: 865-436-1200.
- 13-14** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Traditional Arts Workshop: Stone Celt. Make a woodland period stone axe, also called a celt, at this two-day activity. Bring any woodworking tools you want. The workshop is set for 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$60, including supplies. Adults only. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 14** **Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** Trees for Dad. Starting at 11 a.m., meet at the campground shelter to plant native deciduous trees in honor of fathers. Trees and tools will be provided. Plan for inclement weather. Info: 423-257-2167.
- 14** **Gatlinburg.** Great Smoky Mountains National Park’s 75th Anniversary: Park Headquarters. A free, all day open house at Park Headquarters will highlight the 75th anniversary of the park. Info: 865-436-1200.
- 20** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Traditional Arts Workshop: Cherokee Honeysuckle Basket. Make a traditional basket using honeysuckle naturally dyed with Bloodroot, Walnut, and Pokeberry. Learn to cook the vine, roll, bleach, dye, and make splints. Hours are 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$25 including supplies. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 20-21** **Roan Mountain State Park.** Rhododendron Festival. The festival focuses on the largest natural rhododendron garden in the United States in full bloom atop Roan Mountain. Info: 1-800-250-8620.
- 20-21** **Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** Pioneer Camp Crockett. Kids can experience the Appalachian frontier heritage of the early 1800s with hands-on archery, crafts, tomahawk throwing, fishing, cooking, fire starting, and more. Info: 423-257-2167.
- 26-27** **Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Astronomy Weekend. Join park staff at the inn for discussions regarding constellations, lunar lore, and the Sun. Telescope viewing will be offered, weather permitting. Info: 423-881-5708.